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SUBJECT: CUBAN FISHING ACTIVITIES IN GUYANA

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1. SOURCE WITH DIRECT ACCESS TO INDIVIDUALS INVOLVED IN CUBAN FISHING ACTIVITIES REPORTS THAT THERE ARE CURRENTLY SEVEN LARGE CUBAN TRAWLERS (ABOUT 75 FEET) ENGAGED IN FISHING AND SHRIMPING OFF GUYANA COAST. BOATS ARE SERVICED BY MOTHER SHIP WHICH COMES IN EVERY FOUR TO SIX WEEKS. MOTHER SHIP PROVIDES FUEL AND SUPPLIES AND PICKS UP CATCH. GOG RECEIVES 10 PERCENT OF CATCH WHICH, JUDGING FROM SIZE OF CUBAN FLEET HERE, IS MINIMAL.

2. TRAWLERS HAVE OPERATING CREW OF 3-4 MEN. THUS, WITH SEVEN BOATS TOTAL PERSONNEL REQUIRED INCLUDING STANDBYS FOR CREW CHANGE IS NO MORE THAN SIXTY. IN ADDITION, THERE ARE SOME SIX TO TEN ADMINISTRATIVE TYPES ON SHORE. PREVIOUS CUBAN OPERATION INVOLVED 13 SMALLER BOATS. THESE BOATS HAVE SINCE RETURNED TO CUBA.

3. IN ADDITION TO CUBANS THERE ARE ALSO VENEZUELAN BOATS OPERATING IN SAME FISHERY. AS YET WE HAVE NO RPT NO REPORTS OF SIGHTINGS OF CUBAN AND VENEZUELAN BOATS IN CLOSE PROXIMITY.

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